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International Council
of Women.

Assembled by the

NATIONAL WOMAN
SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

OF THE UNITED STATES,

To Celebrate the

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Woman Suffrage Movement,

March 26 to April 1, 1888, inclusive.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

THE first public demand for equal educational, industrial, professional and political rights for women was made in a convention held at Seneca Falls, New York, (U. S. A.), in the year 1848.

To celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of this event, an International Council of Women will be convened under the auspices of the National Woman Suffrage Association, in Albaugh's Opera House, Washington, D. C., on March 25, 1888.

It is impossible to over-estimate the far-reaching influence of such a Council. An interchange of opinions on the great questions now agitating the world will rouse women to new thought, will intensify their love of liberty, and will give them a realizing sense of the power of combination.

However the governments, religions, laws and customs of nations may differ, all are agreed on one point, namely: man's sovereignty in the State, in the Church and in the Home. In an International Council, women may hope to devise new and more effective methods for securing in these three institutions the equality and justice which

they have so long and so earnestly sought. Such a Council will impress the important lesson that the position of women anywhere affects their position everywhere. Much is said of universal brotherhood, but, for weal or for woe, more subtle and more binding, is universal sisterhood.

Women, recognizing the disparity between their achievements and their labors, will no doubt agree that they have been ~~trammelled~~ by their political subordination. Those active in great philanthropic enterprises sooner or later realize that, so long as women are not acknowledged to be the political equals of men, their judgment on public questions will have but little weight.

It is, however, neither intended nor desired that discussions in the International Council shall be limited to questions touching the political rights of women. Formal invitations requesting the appointment of delegates will be issued to representative organizations in every department of woman's work. Literary Clubs, Art Unions, Temperance Unions, Labor Leagues, Missionary, Peace and Moral Purity Societies, Charitable, Professional, Educational and Industrial Associations will thus be offered equal opportunity with Suffrage Societies to be represented in what should be the ablest and most imposing body of women ever assembled.

The Council will continue eight days, and its sixteen public sessions will afford ample opportunity for reporting the various phases of woman's work and progress in all

parts of the world, during the past forty years. It is hoped that all friends of the advancement of women will lend their support to this undertaking.

On behalf of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

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